CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	179597_103341653073295_100001923812010_27752_5174803_n (2).jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1400090.009
Medium:	Computer Image File
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Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	16 December 2014
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	16 December 2014

Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is a computer image file in colour. It depicts a young naked teenage girl in a deliberate sexualised pose constructed for the camera. Her youthfulness and sexual characteristics are the focus. The purpose of the depiction is to titillate or arouse people with a sexual interest in young people. Images such as this encourage viewers to see young people as sexually desirable and available for adult sexual gratification. The effect is to strengthen this sexual interest and encourage the sexual exploitation of young people.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.